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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Kagi, Rene
Application No.: 09/973,225
Filed on: 10/09/01
Title: DEVICE FOR SEALING OR REDUCING HOLES, AND CONNECTING HOLES WITH A TUBE END

Art Unit: 3677
Examiner: LUGO, CARLOS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on June 15, 2004, a copy of which is attached, Applicant hereby resubmits the Amendment to the Claim section as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on July 13, 2004.

Dated: 7-13-04

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